

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application [~~Attorney Docket No. 10005508-1~~] Serial No. 10/001,651 entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ROUTING EMAIL MESSAGES TO APPROPRIATE ONES OF GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTRIBUTED EMAIL SERVERS," that was filed on October 31, 2001, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by ~~reference~~ reference.